

City of Longview PARD
Recreational Kickball Rules

2017

Rosters/Player Adds

Each team is allowed 3 player additions once the season begins for the next 3 weeks. AT NO TIME MAY A TEAM EXCEED A TOTAL OF 20 PLAYERS ON THEIR ROSTER.

Each player must be 16 years of age in order to participate in the PARD adult kickball league.

The Game

General Rules

Uniforms

All Teams will have team shirts. All teams must wear shirts that are similar in color and have a non-duplicated number on the back of their shirts. Legal numbers are 0-99. Any type of a like shirt with any type of a number will be legal. (Plain t-shirts of the same color and number markings will be legal.)

Shirts must have reasonable arm holes. Players (male or female) wearing shirts that expose their midsection of body may be asked to change shirts or leave the game. All shirts must have a number.

The official kickball shall be a seamless, pebble-grain surfaced ball, approximately eight inches in diameter. The center of the ball may contain air only.

Each team is allowed 2 one minute timeouts per game.

The legal tag area will be from the shoulder and below. If the ball is thrown, it must be below the waistline.

Players must wear athletic shoes. No metal cleats.

Players may play on one team only.

Starting Play/Live Ball

The pitcher will be allowed 5 warm up pitches to start the game (first inning.) 3 warm up pitches will be allowed if there is a change in pitchers.

The ball becomes dead and not in play when:

- a. The ball is illegally kicked.
- b. A kicker makes no attempt to kick at a pitch.
- c. A foul ball is not caught.
- d. The offensive team causes interference.
- e. A blocked ball is declared dead.
- f. A pitched ball, not kicked by the kicker, is touched by the catcher.
- g. A no pitch is declared.

The ball becomes dead when an umpire calls 'time.' Time is called when:

- a. In his/her judgment conditions justify call time.
- b. An injury occurs.
- c. A coach requests a time out.
- d. At the completion of each play and the pitcher has possession of the ball.

Pitching

- a. The pitcher shall take position in the pitcher's box. The pitcher must have one foot touching the pitching plate.
- b. Pitcher must deliver the ball with one hand. The pitch may be overhand or underhand. The ball must be pitched with moderate speed. The ball must bounce at least 1 time prior to reaching the plate.
- c. The pitcher must remain in the pitcher's box until the ball leaves their hand. A violation of this will be called a ball. The pitcher must remain in the pitching circle until the ball is kicked.

A Strike is Called by the Umpire

- a. When a legal pitch first touches the ground at least once in fair territory and any part of the ball enters any part of the strike zone, at a height such that the top of the ball is not higher than the bottom of the kicker's knee. The ball must clear the kicker's circle.
- b. When a legally pitched ball is kicked at and missed by the kicker or the kicker's attacking leg misses the ball and the ball hits the kicker's other leg.
- c. Foul tip, except on the third strike. On the third strike it will be an out.
- d. For each foul ball not caught when the kicker has less than two strikes.

A Ball is Called by the Umpire

- a. For each pitched ball which does not enter the strike zone and is not struck by the kicker.
- b. When a pitched ball bounces over home plate at a height that the top of the kicker's knee and is not struck at by the kicker.

- c. For each pitched ball which does not first touch in fair territory and is not struck at by the kicker.
- d. For each illegal pitch
- e. For each pitched ball which does not clear the kickers circle.

A No Pitch Shall be Declared When

- a. The pitcher pitches during a suspension of play.
- b. The ball slips from the pitchers hand during their swing back.
- c. The pitcher pitches a quick return pitch.
- d. The pitcher pitches before the umpire call for the pitch.

If a new pitcher comes in after the game begins the will be awarded 3 warm up pitches. If a pitcher decides to walk a player intentionally, they may do so by notifying the umpire.

Kicking

The kicker shall take a position in the kicker's circle within 20 seconds after the umpire has called "kicker up." The kicker shall not leave the kicker's circle once the pitcher has begun the windup.

The Kicker is Out When

- a. A third strike is called.
- b. The kicker leaves the kicker's circle during a pitch and attempts to kick at the ball or kicks the ball. If he/she leaves the circle and does not attempt to kick the ball he/she will have a ball or strike against him/her.
- c. A foul tip is legally caught on the third strike.
- d. He/she does not enter the kicker's box within 20 seconds of the umpire calling "kicker up."
- e. He/she interferes with the catcher's ability to make a play.
- f. He/she steps on the plate.
- g. He/she bunts the ball. **NO BUNTING WILL BE ALLOWED**

The Kicker Becomes a Runner When

- a. Ball four is called.
- b. An infielder interferes with the pitch.
- c. A legal kick has taken place and the reach base.

A Legally Kicked Ball is Fair When

- a. The ball settles on or is touched by a fielder or umpire while on or over fair territory. A fly ball must be judged according to the position of the ball and the foul line at the instant it is touched, not the position of the fielder.
- b. It is on or over fair territory when bounding past the infield.
- c. It first touches the white part of first, second, or third base.

The Kicker/Runner is Out When

- a. He/she interferes with the catcher's ability to make a play.
- b. He/she touches his/her own kicked fair ball, while he/she is in fair territory, before it touches a fielder.
- c. Player is declared out for interference while running to first base.
- d. A kicked fly ball, fair or foul, is legally caught before it touches the ground or any object.
- e. While running to first, the player is tagged or hit with the ball before reaching first base.
- f. A kicked fly ball to the catcher is caught. The ball must have reached a height above the head of the kicker.
- g. When a player leaves the playing field. A player cannot return back to base.
- h. A bunted ball is a foul ball . **NO BUNTING WILL BE ALLOWED**

Running the Bases

- a. Leadoffs or stealing are not allowed.
- b. Runners must tag up on all caught fly balls.
- c. The runner may advance one base on overthrown fly balls.

The Playing Field

- a. Base distance is 60'.
- b. Pitching rubber distance is 50'. The pitching circle is 12'.
- c. A double first base will be used.

Adult Coed Rec Rules

Coed games can only begin with the following male/female ratios:

4 men/4 women, 4 men/5 women, 5 men/4 women, 5 men/5 women, 6 men/6 women.(To play 6 men and 6 women, all must be present and in the dugout at starting time) No outs will be allowed.

ALSO, coed games can begin with **4 men/3 women** with an out in the either the 7th or 8th position or **4 women/3 men** with an out in the 7th or 8th position.

Teams may have no more than 20 players on their roster.

Pinch runners – a pinch runner will be allowed when the umpire has determined if a player is injured and a pinch runner is warranted. This pinch runner will be the last recorded out. Once a pinch runner is used, the person going out of the game may not return back into the game.

Lineup sheets will be provided by PARD. The scorekeeper will have the lineups.

Length of Game

- a. Games will be 50 minutes playing time or 7 innings, from the time “play ball” is called.
- b. In all leagues, the “runs ahead rule” is as follows: 20 runs ahead after 3 innings, 15 runs ahead after 4 innings, and 10 runs ahead after 5 innings.
- c. Bunting by either gender is not allowed. The defense must stay behind the directly aligned line with the 1st -3rd base diagonal until the ball is kicked.
- d. If a male batter is walked, he automatically advances 2 bases. The next batter, a female, must bat if there are less than 2 outs. When there are 2 outs, the female batter has the option to either walk or bat.

FORFEITS/EJECTIONS

- a. The Athletic Supervisor, umpire, or designated PARD official on duty may impose any ejection or forfeit.

Putting hands on, pushing, or threatening an umpire or player fighting, profanity, slander, vulgarity, alcohol consumption, or any unsportsmanlike conduct committed by anyone will result in a serious penalty as deemed necessary by PARD. IN OPEN LEAGUE PLAY AND COED LEAGUE PLAY CONTROL OF THE PLAYERS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COACH. IF A PLAYER IS EJECTED AND IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE COACH DID NOT MAKE AN EFFORT TO CONTROL HIS/HER PLAYERS, THE COACH MAY ALSO BE EJECTED. SUSPENSIONS ALSO WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE SEVERITY OF THE INCIDENT.

Any one arguing balls and strikes will be given a team warning. Any repeat offense could result in the disqualification or ejection of that team member. Arguing safe and outs are judgement calls. A coach may request from the umpire that made the call to have a conference with his/her co-official. Their decision is final and no further protest will be taken. The coach protest must be made in a calm and reasonable manner.

When ejected from a game, the ejected player(s), coaches or spectators must leave the playing facility and park immediately and not return. Failure to do so could result in a game forfeit and player, coach or spectator suspension for a minimum of one year. Players/coaches should leave the game in a timely manner. Spectators should be the responsibility of the PARD representative.

When ejected, the player(s) *will not* be allowed on the playing site or in the park until the suspension has been fulfilled. If a player/coach has a second game following his/her ejection they will not play that game.

When ejected, the ejected player must contact the PARD Athletic Supervisor the following day regarding the number of games that he/she will sit out. The nature of the ejection will determine the penalty (i.e. profanity, fighting).

A player or spectator can be ejected before, during, or after a game. The athletic supervisor or his/her appointed employees and game officials may impose any ejection. Also, when ejected, the player will not be allowed to participate on any other team.

A player removed from the game for a rule violation is a disqualified player and will only be ineligible to play for that game. However, players who are ejected will be subject to suspension.

Teams that forfeit a scheduled game will be ineligible for a team award. However the team may continue to play in the league. At no time is money ever refunded!

Consumption of drugs and alcohol is prohibited anywhere in any City of Longview park, including the parking lot. NO ALCOHOL WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUTS, PLAYING FIELDS, HANGING ON THE FENCE OUTSIDE THE DUGOUTS OR IN THE BLEACHERS AT ANY TIME. COOLERS MAY BE CHECKED AT ANY TIME BY THE UMPIRES OR PARD OFFICIAL. ANY OFFENDERS (PLAYERS OR GUESTS) WILL BE EJECTED FOR THIS VIOLATION AND THE GAME COULD BE FORFEITED. NO SMOKING OR ANY FORM OF TOBACCO WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUTS OR PLAYING FIELDS. SPECTATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SMOKE IN THE STANDS DURING A GAME. BAT BAGS AND EQUIPMENT BAGS ARE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION AT ANY TIME.

PROFANITY RULE

Any player who uses profanity while playing defense or on offense could result in *their* team being charged with an out. The team batting could be charged with an out. Teams on defense charged with profanity will result in the team forfeiting an out when they come to bat on offense. Players charged with profanity could be disqualified or ejected.

PROFANITY HAS BECOME A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN LEAGUE PLAY AND MANY COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO PARD'S ATTENTION. PLAYERS USING LOUD AND VULGAR LANGUAGE COULD BE DISQUALIFIED OR EJECTED. IF EJECTED AND THE PLAYER REFUSES TO LEAVE THE PLAYING FIELDS OR COMPLEX, OR THREATENS AN UMPIRE OR ANOTHER PLAYER OR FAN COULD AND WILL BE EJECTED FROM ANY CITY OF LONGVIEW PROPERTY (OWNED OR LEASED) FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR.

Profanity should and will not be tolerated on the fields, in the dugouts or in the stands by anyone. Some words are more serious but profanity is profanity!

Examples:

The F Bomb or other F words will not be used at all and will result in an ejection.

GD word will not be used and will result in an ejection.

A team that has a player ejected and does not have a substitute, THAT TEAM WILL FORFEIT THE GAME. The ejection will be for that game only.

Any other profanity could result in an ejection or disqualification.

Players, fans and coaches have asked that this be STRICTLY enforced. This will be done. All TEAMS and ALL PLAYERS. All SPECTATORS.

This is a recreational coed league to be enjoyed by all players.